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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , Second floor Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	March 24, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Carl Maschauer, Professional Member, President
Dr. Charles Simon, Professional Member
Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member
Prameela Kaza, Public Member
Ruth Banta, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General via telephone
Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Jerry Durnan
Dr. Matthew Miller
Dr. Tessa Payne

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Maschauer called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 2, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At the previous meeting, the Board tabled their decision of the post renewal audit for Dr. Philip Gross who submitted proof of completion of two practice management courses, which cannot be used for continuing education. A letter was sent to Dr. Gross notifying him of the deficiency and he responded by sending in the required documentation for review.

A motion was made by Dr. Maschauer, seconded by Dr. Simon, to approve Dr. Gross's post renewal audit since he met all the continuing education requirements for renewal. The motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications by Internship

The Board reviewed the application for Dr. Jerry Durnan.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. Durnan for his 6-month internship and to advise him that he will soon have to renew his CPR certification and to forward a copy of the new card to the Board office. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for Dr. Alissa Long.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Simon, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. Long for her 6-month internship. The motion unanimously carried.

Request for Internship Extension

A request was made by Dr. Aparna Karnik to have her internship extended since she had taken personal leave and would not be completing her six months internship as soon as expected.

A motion was made by Dr. Maschauer, seconded by Ms. Banta to grant Dr. Karnik an extension until the end of 2010 if needed. The motion unanimously carried.

Completion of Internship

The Board reviewed the letter from the supervising doctors verifying completion of Dr. Matthew Miller's 6-month internship.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to approve Dr. Miller's application for a Therapeutic Optometrist license. The motion carried by Dr. Maschauer, Dr. Sterling, Ms. Kaza and Ms. Banta. Dr. Simon abstained.

The Board reviewed the letter from the supervising doctors verifying completion of Dr. Tessa Payne's 6-month internship.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. Payne's application for a Therapeutic Optometrist license. The motion carried by Dr. Maschauer, Dr. Sterling, Ms. Kaza and Ms. Banta. Dr. Simon abstained.

The Board reviewed the letter from supervising doctors verifying completion of Dr. Timothy Smith's 6-month internship.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Sterling, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. Smith's application for a Therapeutic Optometrist license. The motion carried.

Continuing Education Requests

The Board reviewed and approved the following continuing education credits:

Heart of America Contact Lens Society

49th Annual Heart of America Contact Lens and Primary Care Congress
2/12 – 2/14/10, Kansas City, MO, 47 hours available, 13 hours per O.D.,
7 hours of practice management denied

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the memorandum regarding the 2009 Annual State Legislation Update from American Optometric Association. After review, it was determined that no further action was necessary.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

The Board signed the Decision and Order for Dr. Joseph DeRose.

The Board would like to thank Dr. Sonya Biddle for her contribution of time, professional knowledge, and experience while serving on the Board for the past six years.

Dr. Maschauer advised that he had received some inquiries asking if the Division of Professional Regulation still included the RxOpt numbers on the licenses. The RxOpt number was only listed on a few licenses to distinguish between regular Optometrist and Diagnostic Optometrists licenses at the time the Therapeutic licenses were first issued.

Dr. Maschauer requested a letter or email be sent to all licensed Optometrists advising them that the RxOpt numbers are no longer listed on the license since the issuance of the Therapeutic Optometrist licenses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Maschauer, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Fields
Administrative Specialist II